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Temper Judgment with Mercy

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Jude 1:3-7, 19-21, 24-25

Introduction: Satan has used two primary methods of thwarting Christ's ongoing **work** in the world. Sometimes he has attacked the saints "as a roaring lion" (1 Peter 5:8).

At other times, Satan has operated more **subtly**, like the serpent he used in Eden (Gen 3). He uses smooth-talking <u>professing</u> believers to lead God's people astray.

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Jude 1:1-2, Jude ...servant of Jesus Christ ...brother of James (book of James, Jesus' brother), To them that are <u>sanctified</u> by God the Father, and <u>preserved</u> (to guard from loss by keeping the eye upon) IN Jesus Christ, and called: MERCY unto you ...peace, and love, be multiplied.

Thought 1. This happens as we learn more of Jesus and our Father, 2 Pet. 1:2, 1 John 2:5.

Jude 1:3-5, Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend (struggle for [WAR, fight]) for the FAITH which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

I will therefore put you in **remembrance**, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people **out** of the land of Egypt, <u>afterward</u> destroyed them that **believed not**.

Thought 1. In other words, we have to fight the good fight of **faith** to **keep it.** If we **throw** it <u>away</u> after **believing**, and go back into **unbelief**, we are **not** made partakers with Christ. So, we have to <u>continue</u> to **believe: trust** Christ for salvation until we die. (Luke 8:13, Hebrews 3:12-14, 6:4-8, 10:23-31; John 15:2, Rom. 11:16-22, 2 Tim 4:7 [kept the faith])

Jude 1:6-7, And the angels which kept <u>not</u> their first estate (beginning), but left their own habitation (house [manner of living]), he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. Even as (like) Sodom and Gomor'rah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to <u>fornication</u>, and going after strange (different) flesh (of animals, etc.; Lev. 20:10-16; Romans 1:26-27, 1 Corinthians 15:39), are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

Fornication defined 1608, from 1537 and 4203 (indulge unlawful lust (of either sex)); to be utterly unchaste (Lewd, involving unlawful sexual desire; (1913 Web. Dictionary)

Thought 1. First, notice Jude identifies the **sin** these angels committed. He says they did <u>not</u> keep their **beginning.** And someone remembers that **one third** of the angels **rebelled** with Satan, who was known as Lucifer. Yeah, you're right, but Jude goes on to say, **Sodom** and **Gomorrah** and the cities about them, sinned in **like manner** giving themselves over to **fornication** <u>and</u> going after **strange** (**different**) **flesh.**

- **Leviticus 20:13, 15-16,** If a **man** also lie with **mankind,** as he lieth with a **woman,** both of them have committed an <u>abomination</u>: they shall surely be put to death... ..And if a man lie with a **beast,** he shall surely be put to **death;** and ye shall **slay** the beast. And if a **woman** approach unto any **beast,** and lie down thereto, thou shalt **kill** the woman, and the beast: they shall surely be **put to death.**...
- Thought 2. So, Jude meant these "fallen angels" were in the rebellion, but took their sin to another whole level! That's why this bunch is chained, and Satan and the others are loose on earth. And Satan sends them against us: trying to get us into sin: beginning with pride, as he tried when he sent an angel against Paul. But God reminded or taught him that his grace was sufficient. So, he got the victory!
 - 2 Corinthians 12:7, And lest (in order that) I should be exalted above measure (to become haughty [proud: arrogant) through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger (aggelos ang'-el-os; angel) of Satan to buffet me, lest (so that) I should be exalted above measure.
- **Thought 3.** Peter wrote of these **same** fallen angels, but tells us **where** they're chained. His God directed words make clear their situation is not a <u>condition</u>, but a <u>place</u>.
 - **2 Peter 2:4-5,** For if God spared **not** the <u>angels</u> that **sinned,** but cast them down to <u>HELL</u>, and delivered them into <u>chains</u> of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; and spared not the old world, but saved **Noah** the eighth *person*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly...
 - Hell defined 5020. tartaroo tar-tar-o'-o from Tartaros (the deepest abyss (bottomless pit) of Hades [place of departed souls]).
- **Thought 4.** The rich man went to **hell,** but it was <u>not</u> the **deepest** part of it! (Luke 16:19-31) And since the angels that sinned as Jude and Peter mentioned are **now** in **tartaroo**: the **deepest part** of **hell,** we also know that the angels that are trying to get us to sin, etc. are **NOT** the same ones that sinned like **Sodom** and **Gomorrah**.
- So, **what** did they <u>do</u>? They did <u>not</u> keep their <u>beginning</u>, left their own **manner of living** as angels (created beings) and had **sex** with **human women.** Angels are <u>not</u> given the <u>privilege</u> of **having sex** of any kind! And by the way, there are **no female** angels. When it comes to gender, they are **male.** And they're <u>not</u> cute fat little babies.

Now, let's look at **evidence** that this was the sin these "chained angels" committed. As we know, the **truth** is established in the mouths of two or three witnesses.

- **Genesis 6:1-2,** And it came to pass, when **men (human being)** began to multiply on the face of the earth, and <u>daughters</u> were born unto <u>THEM</u>, that the **sons of God saw** the **daughters** of **men (human being)** that they *were* fair; and they took them **wives** of all which they chose.
 - **Thought 5.** Notice, the wording says when <u>human beings</u> began to multiply, They had **fair (beautiful)** daughters, which were seen by **"sons of God."** If this was referring to the "sons of **Seth"**, which is one **belief** as to their identity, the wording would **not** have been as it is, since his sons are <u>also</u> **human beings.**

From the words of Genesis 6:1-2, and understanding that in the Old Testament, "sons of God" refers to the **angels** made by God; we know these two verses are speaking of some <u>fallen angels</u>. In the Old Testament, the phrase, "sons of God" is found only in Genesis 6:2, 4, and in Job 1:6, 2:1, 38:7.

Job 1:6, Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them.

Job 2:1, Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them...

Job 38:7, When the morning stars sang together, and all the **sons of God** shouted for joy?

Thought 6. Since **Satan** knew God's plan about bringing Jesus into the earth in human form (Gen. 3:15, Gal 4:4), he tried to make **woman** unfit for his plan. But, since Jesus **has** come and **gone back** to heaven, **this tactic has stopped.**

Genesis 6:3-4, And the Lord said, My Spirit shall <u>not</u> always strive with man, for that he also *is* flesh: yet his days shall be a hundred and twenty years. There were **giants** (5303, **nphiyl nef-eel' or nphil)** in the earth in **those days**; and also **after that**, when the <u>sons of God</u> **came in unto** the <u>daughters</u> of men, and they bare *children* to them, the **same** *became* mighty **men** (warrior, tyrant) which *were* of old, **men** of renown.

Thought 7. Furthermore, even though it's a <u>privilege</u> for humans to **marry**; have **sex** now. This will **not** be the case in our **resurrected**: **spiritual bodies.** (1 Cor. 15:42-44) Jesus taught this when asked about marrying **after** the resurrection has taken place.

Matthew 22:25-30, Now there were with us **seven** brethren: and the **first,** when he had married a wife, **deceased,** and, having no **issue,** left his wife unto his brother: likewise the second also, and the third, unto the seventh. And last of all the **woman died** also. Therefore in the resurrection, **whose wife** shall she be of the seven? for they all had her. Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do **err,** not knowing the **Scriptures,** nor the power of God. For in the **resurrection** they neither <u>marry</u>, nor are given in <u>marriage</u>, but are **AS** the <u>angels</u> of God in heaven.

Thought 8. The question now is **HOW** did these "fallen angels" have **sex** with women? I remind you angels, "fallen or good", <u>could</u> assume **human form.** Remember when Jesus rose, **two angels** appeared at his tomb dressed in shining garments and spoke with the women that were there. (Luke 24:4-8) In Mark 16:5-6, they saw a **young man** clothed in a **long white garment.**

Notice also, in this passage, the **height** of the angels were <u>not</u> **excessive** to the point where they'd be overwhelming when seen by people. Again, when they show up, they **can** look like a human being. Remember when Gabriel appeared to Mary and others, his **height** was **not** startling. Even today, when the good angels **help us**, as God wills, they are seen, which is why the bible tells us to be <u>not</u> forgetful to entertain **strangers**.

Hebrews 13:2, Be <u>not</u> **forgetful** to entertain **strangers:** for thereby some have entertained **angels (aggelos ang'-el-os)** unawares. (Judges 6:11-23, 13:2-23)

Thought 9. So, from this, we see angels <u>have</u> **bodies.** They are **spiritual**, <u>not</u> **physical**: composed of **matter**, which is the body of all humans on earth. (1 Cor. 15:44) This is one main difference between **demons** and <u>fallen angels</u>. Demons are **disembodied** evil **spirits**, whereas, fallen angels have **spiritual bodies**.

Demons walk in dry places **seeking** a body; even if it has to be an **animal**. Such was the case with the **legion** of demons cast out of the man in the tombs. They asked Jesus' permission to go into the hogs, which ran off a cliff and were drowned. (Mark 5:1-13)

Another difference is demons can **possess** people; fallen angels **cannot**. However, fallen angels will try to influence a person **mind** with evil thoughts and imaginations.

Matthew 12:43-45, When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first.

Thought 10. Now, let's revisit Genesis 6:4. It says, "There were **giants** in the earth in those days; and also **after that,** when the **sons of God** came in unto the **daughters** of men, and they bare *children*. This lets us know for the <u>same reason</u> there were giants **before** the flood, is why there were giants **AFTER** the flood, but **not** as many. The first giants were destroyed in the flood along with "all flesh" **except** that in the ark! This is true, despite a Jewish legend saying **Og,** a **giant,** lived by hanging on the **side** of the **ark.**

Genesis 7:23, And every <u>living substance</u> was **destroyed** which was upon the face of the ground, both **man**, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah <u>only</u> remained **alive**, and **they** that were <u>with him</u> <u>IN</u> the ark.

Numbers 13:32-33 ...The land... ... is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a **great stature**. And there we saw the **GIANTS** (**nphil** [Gen 6:4]), the sons of **Anak**, which come of the giants: ...we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

NOTE: "The wicked emperor **Hadrian**, who conquered Jerusalem, **boasted**, 'I have conquered Jerusalem with great power.' Rabbi Johanan ben Zakkai said to him, 'Do **not boast.** Had it not been the **will of Heaven**, you would not have conquered it.' Rabbi Johanan then took Hadrian into a cave and showed him the **bodies** of Amorites who were buried there. One of them measured eighteen cubits [approximately **30 feet]** in height. He said, 'When we were **deserving**, such men were **defeated** by us, but now, because of **our sins**, you have defeated us'" (quoted in Judaism, edited by Arthur Hertzberg, p.155-156, George Braziller, New York: 1962).

Source: http://www.his-forever.com/giants_the_bible_and_enoch.htm

Jude 1:14-15, And **Enoch** also, the seventh from Adam, **prophesied** of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with <u>ten thousands</u> of his **saints**, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of **all** their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

Thought 1. For Jude to quote a **prophecy** by **Enoch** means he <u>knew</u> his work was **of God. NOTE:** "Let me share with you a portion of the **book of Enoch:** But now the **giants** who are born from the [union of] the <u>spirits</u> and the <u>flesh</u> shall be called **evil spirits** upon the earth, because their dwelling shall be **upon** the earth and **inside** the earth. Evil spirits have come out of their bodies. Because from the day that they were created from the **sons of God** they became **Watchers:** their first origin is the **spiritual** foundation. They will become evil upon the earth and shall be called **evil spirits.** The dwelling of the spiritual beings of heaven is **heaven;** but the dwelling of the spirits of **the earth,** which are **born** upon the earth, is IN the earth. (1 Enoch 15:8-10)"

Source: Origin of Demons by Tom Brown, http://www.tbm.org/origindemons.htm

Jude 1:18-21 ...they told you there should be **mockers** in the last time, who should walk after their **own** <u>ungodly</u> lusts. These be they who separate themselves, **sensual** (carnal; given to the indulgence of the appetites), having **not** the <u>Spirit</u>. But ye, beloved, **building up yourselves** on your most holy faith, **praying** in the **Holy Ghost**, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the **MERCY** (compassion [love and sorrow]) of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Thought 1. Praying in the Holy Ghost is praying from our <u>spirit</u> in the <u>supernatural</u> language we have as God's children. <u>We do</u> the speaking as the Holy Ghost gives <u>articulation</u>. He does <u>not take over</u> as some believe. He does prompt us at times. This **ability** is given upon being <u>filled</u> by the Spirit: the second experience with him. Our first experience was the **new birth.**

Jude 1:24-25, Now unto him that is able to keep you from **falling,** and to present you **faultless** before the presence of his **glory** with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, **both now** and **ever.** Amen.